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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of violations of the cease-fire provisions and of the terms governing the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 16 June and 28 July 1994.

1. Thursday, 16 June 1994

At 1105 hours two Iranian aircraft on patrol penetrated our international boundaries at low altitude at coordinates 002186 (1:100,000 map of Tib; Zubaydat area). They then returned to the Iranian rear.

2. Saturday, 2 July 1994

Between 1130 and 2100 hours a pilot cutter belonging to the Iraqi Port Authority was subjected to provocation and its crew was questioned by armed Iranian patrol boats in the Shatt al-Arab opposite Ra's al-Bayshah. This is the second time this craft has been subjected to provocation since 15 April 1994.

3. Tuesday, 5 July 1994

At 1730 hours Colonel Shukr Allah Kazimi, commander of the Iranian Khusrawi border complex, came to the Iraqi side at coordinates 004304 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin), met with the commander of the Iraqi Mundhiriyah border complex and handed him a letter of protest in Persian, signed by him and addressed to the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior. In the letter he requested the return of two Iranian infiltrators who, he claimed, had entered Iraqi territory in an area close to the Yasin post at coordinates 429014. The letter was returned to the commander of the Iranian complex, and he was informed that the matter would be handled through the normal diplomatic channels.

4. Thursday, 7 July 1994

The Greek tugboat Atlantic was detained and subjected to provocation and its crew was questioned by armed Iranian patrol boats while it was towing the Cypriot vessel Chrysalis, stranded in Mina' al-Mu'aqqal. The two vessels and the crew were not released until Sunday, 17 July 1994.

5. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7, 8 and 9 July 1994

Iranian reconnaissance activity was observed being carried out by small military boats each with three persons on board, some wearing civilian clothing and carrying field glasses. Some of the boats approached the Iraqi shore of the Shatt al-Arab. The reconnaissance was focused on the areas of Sayhan, Saybah and Duwayb.

6. Saturday, 9 July 1994

The Iranian side opened a new observation post at coordinates 095580 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), with five grey fibreglass boats close by, and manned it with 20 military personnel.

7. Monday, 11 July 1994

At 0730 hours the Iranian side established a new guard post at coordinates 517501 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris), inside the area of separation opposite the Iraqi Fakkah post, and manned it with three persons.

8. Monday, 11 July 1994

At 0850 hours the Iranian side built a new bunker at coordinates 514501 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris), inside the area of separation opposite the Iraqi Fakkah post.

9. Tuesday, 12 July 1994

At 1535 hours a group of some five persons from the Iranian side fired a number of intermittent bursts from a medium machine-gun located at the Iranian position at coordinates 901160 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) in the direction of the Iraqi forces stationed in the Kulaybah area.

10. Wednesday, 13 July 1994

An Iraqi fishing boat with four persons on board carrying fishing permits issued by the Iraqi Fishing Association were subjected to provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats inside Iraqi territorial waters in the Shatt al-Arab. Armed Iranians confiscated their fishing permits.

11. Monday, 18 July 1994

At 2200 hours the Iraqi Port Authority tugboat Jumhuriyah was subjected to provocation, its crew was questioned and it was fired on by armed Iranian patrol boats as it arrived at buoy 12 after entering the Shatt al-Arab channel. It was not allowed to continue on its course for Faw and Basra until the following morning.

12. Tuesday, 19 July 1994

At 0100 hours three individuals from the Iranian side were seen inside Iraqi territory at coordinates 896954 (1:100,000 map of Tahiri). They were

fired upon and driven outside the boundary embankment, where a white pick-up truck carrying five persons was waiting for them. The vehicle and the persons in question then returned to the Iranian rear.

13. Wednesday, 20 July 1994

At 0300 hours a group of some 6 to 10 persons approached the Iraqi Kharnubiyah monitoring post at coordinates 009175 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). When they were detected and challenged they fired in the direction of the post and fire was returned by those manning it. One of them was killed and his body recovered. He was identified by the length of his beard, his appearance and the fact that he was carrying Iranian-made grenades and wearing Iranian clothing. No documents were found on him. The others fled towards Iranian territory, where personnel at the Iranian post opposite turned on a bright light from time to time in order to aid their return.

14. Wednesday, 20 July 1994

At 1130 hours two individuals from the Iranian side were seen inside Iraqi territory at coordinates 904892 (1:100,000 map of Tahiri) gathering empty containers and trying to cut and steal wire. They were driven away and fled in the direction of the Iranian rear.

15. Wednesday, 20 July 1994

At 1645 hours two persons wearing military attire were seen inside Iraqi territory at coordinates 898954 (1:100,000 map of Tahiri) stealing fortification materials. They were pursued and fled in the direction of the Iranian rear.

16. Thursday, 21 July 1994

At 1000 hours an Iranian patrol consisting of four civilians carrying Kalashnikov assault rifles on board a green Iranian fibreglass boat approached the Iraqi shore and attacked an Iraqi fishing boat with three persons on board fishing in Iraqi territorial waters in the Ma'amir area at coordinates 260380 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). They forced the Iraqi fishermen to leave the boat, threatening them with their weapons, binding their arms and putting them down on the Iraqi shore. Their identity and military service documents were confiscated, and their boat was taken to the Iranian side.

17. Sunday, 24 July 1994

Between 0940 and 1030 hours the Iraqi tugboat Al-Warka' was subjected to provocation and its crew was questioned by an armed Iranian civilian patrol as it was leaving in the direction of Umm Qasr opposite Ra's al-Bayshah in the Shatt al-Arab channel.

18. Wednesday, 27 July 1994

At 1000 hours an Iranian fibreglass patrol boat was seen with seven persons on board, four of them in military uniform and carrying Kalashnikov assault rifles and field glasses and the others wearing civilian clothing. It

approached the Iraqi shore of the Shatt al-Arab opposite Umm al-Rasas Island at coordinates 042698 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), where its occupants carried out reconnaissance of Umm al-Rasas Island using the field glasses. At 1015 hours the boat returned to the Iranian side and entered the Karun River.

19. Wednesday, 27 July 1994

The Iranian side installed a black notice board measuring 1 metre by 2.5 metres facing Iraq on the sunken ship in the Shatt al-Arab channel at coordinates 185565 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). Written on it were the words Hayhat min al-dhillah ("No to humiliation") and below them, in Persian, Ravabet-e Omumi-ye Shahrdari-ye Abadan, that is to say "Abadan Municipality Public Relations". At 1300 hours it was removed by the Iraqi forces.

20. Wednesday, 27 July 1994

At 1840 hours the Iranian side built a new position of wood and corrugated iron on hill 270 at coordinates 579419 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) behind the Iranian Miyan Thanak post at coordinates 565404 some 1 to 1.5 kilometres inside the area of separation and manned it with 10 persons in military uniform carrying light weapons.

21. Thursday, 21 July 1994

At 1645 hours the Iranian side manned the abandoned Iranian post opposite the Iraqi forces inside the area of separation at coordinates 912127 (1:100,000 map of Tahiri) with some 10 to 12 persons.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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